

# Behavioral Science Division NEWSLETTER

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## A Timely Master's Degree



When John G. Klein decided to return to school in 2007 after several years of working in the non-profit sector, he knew he wanted to further his career. Obtaining a master's degree, "was an integral part of my plan," commented John, "I could not, however, afford to leave work to attend a traditional academic program. The schedule at Wilmington University allowed me the flexibility to continue my education without a major impact on my career." John, who is originally from Millsboro but currently resides in Wilmington, holds a bachelor's degree in Individual and Family Studies from the University of Delaware. He also received a certificate in Nonprofit Management from the Center for Community Research and Service at U of D. In evaluating his graduate school options, John reports that he, "chose the Administration of Human Services (AHS) program because it represented all that I stand for – it gave me

a level of expertise in Human Services that many other institutions and programs cannot provide." As a Spring, 2008 graduate, John commented that, "one of the greatest things about the AHS program at Wilmington University is the diversity of classes and instructors, all of whom bring a level of experience and expertise that is hard to find. I have always felt that we learn best by doing, and the program's practicum requirement really helps... the classes leading up to the practicum provide students with a foundation for future learning. Neither would be as successful without the other, but together they create a well-rounded learning environment appropriate for anyone's learning style." John began working at AIDS Delaware as an intern while completing his bachelor's degree. Upon graduation, he was hired by the agency and took on increasing responsibilities over the years. However, for John, completing the AHS degree last Spring fast-tracked his career with the organization: "Just a few months after finishing my master's degree at WU, the agency's previous executive director announced his resignation. Not only was a master's degree a requirement for applicants to the position, but I was able to use the knowledge and skills I learned in the AHS program to demonstrate my abilities as an administrator. Without that, I would not have been chosen as the new Executive Director." AIDS Delaware is the

state's largest non-profit AIDS service organization. While John has many professional goals, he explains that they are, "all centered on my passion for service. I enjoy material things as much as anyone, but at the end of the day it is knowing that I have played a small part in improving my community and the lives of others that puts a smile on my face. That is why the Nu Chapter of Tau Upsilon Alpha (the AHS honor society) is so important to me. As one of the founding members of WU's chapter of the National Human Services Honor Society I am dedicated to the society's vision of 'Excellence in Service to Humanity'. In its first year I served as the chapter's Vice President and was just elected President in January."

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# Dean's Column

Last year we announced our conversion from College to University. This year we have been celebrating our 40th year of providing academic excellence to the communities we are proud to serve. Spring 2009 brings another exciting change to Wilmington University. Beginning in June, the Behavioral Science Division will become the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The new name reflects our university status and the wide array of graduate and undergraduate disciplines that we offer. The many improvements and changes we have made in the past several years have strengthened our ability to meet the needs of our students. More sites are available for students to attend classes, including those in Middletown and Claymont, Delaware and Burlington and Cum-

berland, New Jersey. The number of online courses and programs available is growing each semester, giving students more choices and flexibility to complete their degrees. Students have access to a year-long schedule to better plan their course work, web access to registration and other valuable student services. Our programs, student organizations and honor societies are offering more opportunities for internships, academically-based field trips and community service projects. The Alumni office is improving contact with our graduates, and we are hosting a Behavioral Science reunion this spring. What remains constant is our adjunct and full-time faculty commitment to providing outstanding instruction and service to our students. On behalf of the College of

Social and Behavioral Sciences, I want to congratulate those who are graduating in May and wish everyone an enjoyable summer.



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Members of the Nu Chapter and their families joined Wilmington University's team at the AIDS Walk in Rockford Park in September, just one example of the honor society's commitment to community causes. John's dedication to service is apparent in both his professional and personal life: "Our world is changing drastically. Our nation has its first African-American president – something I believe we should all celebrate. At the same time, though, we are facing an economic crisis unlike any most of us have seen. Now is the time when service is most important. I fear we've become a society that values possessions over relationships. Many of those possessions will disappear in

the times to come. We need to embrace one another, differences and all. The coming years will not be easy, but if we work together we will prevail – we always do. I encourage everyone to identify their passions and pursue them wholeheartedly. I have many. I have dedicated my professional career to working with a population that is stigmatized and underserved. I also have a passion for animals and volunteer with Faithful Friends, a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter. Neither activity is easy and both require time that I often feel I don't have. But if I don't do it, who will? It is up to each of us to contribute to our community in a meaningful way."

# Tau Upsilon Alpha, Induction Ceremony March 6, 2009



The Nu Chapter of Tau Upsilon Alpha National Human Services Honor Society at Wilmington University, hosted its induction ceremony and dinner, on March 6th. There were 9 students inducted. Tau Upsilon Alpha (TUA) National Human Services Honor Society is open to graduate students in the Administration of Human Services program who have at least 24 credits, at least a 3.5 GPA, and who are in the top 35% of their class. The purpose of TUA is to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership, and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity. At the honor society banquet, a special presentation was made by both TUA and the family of TUA Vice President, Malinda Hudson to Ms. Jennie West. As one of its service activities, TUA members and their families and friends walked on “Ms. Paula’s Team” in memory of Paula Inez Hudson in the Breast Cancer Walk. Paula, who succumbed to breast cancer, is the sister of Malinda Hudson. She was a gifted teacher and champion for students with educational and/or behavioral challenges in Sussex County. The appreciation award to Ms. West was presented for raising over \$1500 towards breast cancer research in honor of “Ms. Paula”. Malinda and Paula’s father, Alvin N. Hudson, Sr., joined by his daughter, Alvina N. Hudson-Tindley, presented the award. Malinda Hudson also made a special presentation from TUA to Ms. Jennie West.



# Pi Gamma Mu, Induction Ceremony November 7, 2008



On November 7th, the chapter installation and annual induction ceremony for the Delaware Beta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu was held. There were 27 students inducted that evening. The guest speaker at the honor society banquet was Greg Munson, Development Director at the Claymont Community Center. At the conclusion to his inspirational remarks, Mr. Munson was presented with boxes of food donated by honor society members and their guests for the food pantry at the Claymont Community Center. The seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu are scholarship, science, social science, social idealism, sociability, social service and sacrifice. Membership in Pi Gamma Mu Delaware Beta Chapter is open to students by invitation only. Students must meet the following requirements: be currently enrolled in Wilmington University, major in Behavioral Science, Psychology, or Organizational Dynamics, have completed 20 credits in their major, and not have failed any courses in their major, rank in the top 35% of their class, and finally, agree to participate in the service of Pi Gamma Mu on campus.



# Alpha Phi Sigma, Induction Ceremony March 6, 2009



The Wilmington University Eta Beta chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society promotes excellence within the Criminal Justice major. The goal is to prepare students to become scholarly practitioners in their chosen profession. Membership is only for those students who are Criminal Justice majors. Undergraduate students must have obtained junior status, must have a 3.4 cumulative GPA with a 3.4 GPA in all Criminal Justice courses. Undergraduate students must have also completed 15 Criminal Justice credits at Wilmington University. Graduate students must have completed at least 30 credits toward their degree with a 3.75 GPA. There were 8 students inducted into the Eta Beta Chapter on March 6th.



# Criminal Justice Program Expands Faculty



After serving as an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Program at Wilmington University for the past 10 years, Joseph Paesani was named, by Dean Christian Trowbridge, to the Behavioral Science Division faculty as a

part-time Assistant Professor and Assistant Coordinator for the undergraduate Criminal Justice Program. Mr. Paesani was a member of the Criminal Justice Program's Advisory Board and has recently served as adjunct faculty representative to Faculty Senate.

After a 33 year career with the Delaware Department of Correction, Mr. Paesani retired in 2008 as the Deputy Bureau Chief of Community Corrections responsible for a staff of 591 correctional staff who supervised 22,000 offenders. As the administrator over the state's probation and parole function, work release centers and electronic monitoring capabilities, Mr. Paesani was responsible for a 50 million dollar budget.

During his career, Mr. Paesani was appointed by Governor Thomas Carper as the Commander of "Operation Safe Streets," a task force that consists of police officers and probation/parole officers which is intended to reduce

crime by specifically concentrating on known high crime areas and crime prone offenders. He was also the project director for the federal grant which initially funded the "Key Program," a therapeutic community for drug treatment in Delaware's prison system. Following his retirement, Mr. Paesani worked on projects for the Criminal Justice Council focusing on Operation Safe Streets, re-entry and violent juvenile offenders.

Mr. Paesani holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Kent State University, a Master's degree in Counseling from the University of Delaware and a Master's degree in Business Management/Supervision from Central Michigan University. He and his wife enjoy travel and Joe likes to spend his free time on the golf course.

## Melissa Zebley Graduates from FBI National Academy



F.B.I. Director, Robert S. Mueller, III presents diploma to Melissa Zebley

From September through December 2008, Melissa Zebley, Adjunct Instructor and Program Assistant for the Criminal Justice Program in Georgetown, had the honor of representing the Delaware State Police in the 235<sup>th</sup> FBI National Academy session in Quantico, VA. Zebley is a Lieutenant with the DSP. The 11-week residential pro-

gram provided police executives with the opportunity to select graduate level courses in their areas of interest. Those courses, such as Police Media Relations, Crisis Management and Police Executive Leadership, are endorsed through a partnership with the University of Virginia.

By all measures, the FBI National Academy provided a different and distinctive leadership training opportunity as a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. Of her National Academy experience, Zebley commented, "The international networking and potential partnership opportunities were extraordinary as my class of 260 students represented 27 different countries. We had the unique opportunity to live, study, and participate in physical training together. The FBI National Academy better prepared us for the complex and contemporary challenges in law

enforcement because of the dynamic nature of the program, and its principles of raising law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide."

Congratulations from the Behavioral Science Division.



# Cumberland Student Shares Her Journey



When she returned to school in 1999, Vonda Mc Pherson wanted to enhance her skills in medical terminology, an understandable pursuit for a woman who has been a medical transcriptionist for the past 19 years at South Jersey Hospital System. But it was her volunteer work, not her current job, which eventually helped her solidify her education goals. The working mother of three children has made time in her schedule over the last 15 years to volunteer at a women's center. It was this experience that led Vonda to pursue her associate's degree in social work from Cumberland County College and to declare her major in Behavioral Science when she enrolled at

Wilmington University. "Working with both the young women and older adult women [at the center] impressed upon me the needs these women have. It brings me great joy to know that I have helped someone in need, even if it was making a simple phone call to another agency," said Vonda. The anonymous surveys distributed to clients of the women's center returned very favorable comments about Vonda, pointing out that she was a good listener, was non-judgmental and was the volunteer they'd most like to work with upon their return to the center. Vonda was hooked!

But pursuing her dream isn't always easy with her busy schedule. In addition to her full-time job and volunteer work at the women's center, Vonda has a part-time job and teaches Sunday school classes to pre-school children at her church all while raising her own three children with her husband, Reynold. "Many nights and sometimes early morning hours were spent [on school work] with me going to work on 2 or 3 hours of sleep. I often questioned myself as to my sanity saying 'I'm getting too old for this'," Vonda shared. She credits her "wonderful, supportive family" and

her managers at work who allowed her to change her work schedule and gave her time off from work to do school projects. She remembers some advice her manager gave her when she was on overload with school work—"If it was that easy, anybody could do it."

After completing her Bachelor's degree at the Cumberland site of Wilmington University where she is a senior, Vonda hopes to pursue a Masters degree in either social work or counseling. Vonda concluded, "Wilmington University has been a great experience for me. The block classes demand a great deal of self discipline on behalf of the students. I have obtained knowledge that will prepare me for my career as a counselor or social worker and feel that each class prepares me for going out to practice my profession. I feel I am blessed by God to have come this far academically. If I can do it, anyone can. I never imagined myself as a college student, especially one who is soon to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science! "

## Dr. James Walsh elected President of Delaware Professional Regulation Board

Dr. Jim Walsh, Assistant Professor in the MSCC Program, was elected on January 28th to a two year term as the President of the Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals, an oversight board administered by the Division of Professional Regulation within the Delaware Department of State. The Board regulates the practice of counseling for professional counselors of mental health, associate counselors of mental health and Chemical Dependency Professionals including those who hold certifica-

tion as Licensed Professional Counselors of Mental Health (LPCMH), Licensed Chemical Dependency Professionals (LCDP), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT). Jim is continuing a Wilmington University tradition with his new leadership duties. He succeeds the immediate past president, Dr. William Northey, who is an adjunct instructor in the MSCC program. Dr. Jim Wilson, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, also has served as president of the Board.

The Board licenses qualified applicants; develops rules and regulations; and conducts disciplinary hearings and imposes disciplinary sanctions, when necessary.

Dr. Walsh commented on his new position: "It's an important job in that occasionally we get counselors whose ethics are questionable and we do take action. Our primary concern is the protection of consumers of mental health care in Delaware."

Congratulations, Jim, on this important leadership role.

# Faculty Notes

**Dr. Debra Berke**, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Psychology Program in New Castle County, attended the Building Strong Families Conference at Messiah College on October 9, 2008. She was a member of the planning committee for this conference.

Dr. Berke also presented at two recent conferences:



- Parent Care among Academics: Balancing the Personal and the Professional. Dr. Berke co-presented a display with Rona J. Karasik, St. Cloud State University (pictured to the left with Dr. Berke), and Scott D. Scheer, Ohio

State University, at the Gerontological Society of America Conference, National Harbor, MD, November 23, 2008.

- Advocacy as Service-learning Roundtable. Co-presented with Erin F. Boyd-Soisson, Ashlin N. Voorhees, and Elizabeth Reininga, Messiah College, at the National Council on Family Relations Conference, Little Rock, AK, November 8, 2008.

In addition, Dr. Berke is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Family Relations and has recently joined the Board of Directors of ContactLifeline.

**Dr. Adrienne Bey**, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Administration of Human Services Program, attended the following professional development activities:

- National Association of Social Workers Ethics Conference at DE State University on September 26, 2008
- National Organization for Human Service (NOHS) Annual Conference in Tucson, AZ, October 2008
- People of Color Mental Health Conference at Delaware Technical & Community College-Wilmington Campus on November 8, 2008
- The Influencer Workshop at Christ Church, Greenville, DE on November 12, 2008
- "Mean Girls" Conference in Baltimore on December 5, 2008
- Legislative Forum for Delaware's Nonprofits at Dover Downs on February 3, 2009

Dr. Bey presented a workshop entitled "Raising Emotionally Healthy Kids in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" on January 13,

2009 for the Capital School District's (Dover, DE) Parent Academy. On March 17, 2009, she facilitated an open discussion for parents with questions or concerns regarding parenting issues for the Parent Academy.

As a member of the evaluation team for the Metropolitan College of New York, Dr. Bey was part of the site visit of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education from March 29 – April 1, 2009.

Dr. Bey's committee participation:

- Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. (DAPI)
- Prevent Child Abuse Delaware.
- Workforce and Economic Development Committee of the Delaware Asset Building Coalition
- Advocacy Committee of the Delaware Girls Initiative

**Dr. Rebecca Mattern** presented a session entitled, "Problem-Based Learning" at the adjunct faculty training session entitled, "Engaging Your Students in Learning" sponsored by the Wilmington University Faculty Senate Committee for Enhancing Classroom Instruction on January 10, 2009.

**Dr. James Walsh**, Assistant Professor in the MSCC Program, reports that he has presented at the:

- Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Annual Conference in late March. Dr. Walsh presented two workshops: "Forgiveness, Remorse, and Reconciliation: Lessons Learned from the Amish" and "Shame, Guilt, and Addiction"

Dr. Walsh will be presenting at the following events over the next several months:

- The 38th Annual Summer Institute, co-sponsored by the State of Delaware Department of Health and Human Services Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) and the University of Delaware in late July. His workshop is entitled, "Mind in Comfort and Ease: Love in the Therapeutic Relationship"
- Montana Council on Problem Gambling sponsored training in late September. Dr. Walsh's session is entitled: "Shame, Guilt, and Addiction"

**Dr. Doris Lauckner** and Dr. Jim Walsh co-presented in mid-April at the Lilly-East Conference on College and University Teaching entitled, "Millennial Learning: Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at the University of Delaware. Their session was on the topic of "Mindful Learning."



# Faculty Notes

**Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson**, Coordinator of the Organizational Dynamics program, recently served on Governor Markell's Transition Team. Governor Markell, upon his election, appointed a number of community leaders to serve on his transition team to plan strategies in 3 core areas: 1) education; 2) health; and 3) labor/economics. Dr. Gilliam-Johnson served as a member of the education sub-committee which provided the then Governor-elect with recommendations on improving the current educational system within Delaware. These recommendations were published in a final report that was a follow-up to the Governor's "Blue-Print for A Better Delaware".

**Professor Kirk Trate**, Coordinator of the Criminal Justice program, attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference in Boston from March 10th through March 13th.

Professor Trate reports that, the Police Administration Committee (PAC) of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), of which he is a member, will again hold their mid-year meeting on the New Castle Campus from June 17th through the 19th. For the third successive year the committee will select the national award recipients for the prestigious Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) awards.

## Division News



Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society members collected used eye glasses for the Lions Club as a service project this spring. PGM

members placed signs and collection boxes at various campuses to collect used eye glasses which were donated to the Wilmington Manor Lions Club. Poor vision creates problems for adults and children alike. It lowers the quality of life and can affect performance in everyday functions. For children, poor vision can affect their performance in school. The Wilmington Manor Lions Club collects used eye glasses and sends them to a vision reprocessing center where the eye glasses are cleaned and categorized according to prescription. The eye glasses are then distributed to adults and children in need. The honor society members set a goal of 100 eye glasses to be collected by the end of April.



The Behavioral Science Club sponsored a presentation by NAMI-DE, the state affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, on January 26, 2009. Also in late January, the Behavioral Science Club co-sponsored the Wildcat Wellness Fair.

Tau Upsilon Alpha, the honor society of the Administration of Human Services program, has recently participated in the following events:

Members facilitated a workshop on "Teambuilding" and "Collaborating for Change" at the Staff Development Training for Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. on September 26, 2008 and January 22, 2009. DAPI is a statewide educational program for pregnant and parenting teens. The

training was held at the WU Dover campus.

Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 12, 2008 which was held at the Wilmington Riverfront. Members walked in honor of the sister of one of the TUA members. A team of 28 people (some TUA members and others) raised over \$3,000!

The Administration of Human Services Program had such an overwhelming response to its first grant-writing session in November that an additional date, January 22, 2009, was added for the Grantwriting for Results Workshop!

Special Lecture with Br. Ronald Giannone of The Ministry of Caring, Inc. was held on October 30, 2008 at the DAC Auditorium.



# Criminal Justice Happenings...

The Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program has experienced significant growth over the past year. During the Spring 2009 Semester alone there are currently 18 courses offered in the CJ Program totally 275 students (seats).

The Burlington Campuses at Mt. Laurel and Pemberton have seen nine courses offered this Spring 2009 with 39 students (seats) in attendance.

The Cumberland Campus at Vineland exhibited significant growth; this Spring Semester there were 150 students attending the eight courses offered there.

Students have shown increased interest in taking Internships and some of the more recent sites include: the Delaware Court of Chancery, Crime Stoppers of Delaware, the Delaware Criminal Justice Council (CJC), and the Delaware State Police.

## Police Partnerships

Delaware State Police – We are working with the state police to allow academic credit for the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) Program. Eventually we hope to offer this program as part of our undergraduate curriculum.

Wilmington Police – We are working with the WPD on a degree completion initiative which has identified 31 potential student/officers interested in completing their bachelor's degree at Wilmington University.

## Internship Opportunities

Among its other functions, the Delaware Court of Chancery handles guardianship cases of the disabled and elderly. Sherri Harmer, adjunct instructor and a graduate of the MAJ program, works as the Guardianship Monitoring Program Director for Chancery Court. She created a volunteer program that will use student volunteers from Wilmington University, as well as others in the community, to

be the eyes-and-ears of the Court. After a guardianship is established, the Court will appoint (by Order) volunteers to visit with the wards and gather pertinent information about each case. In certain cases, the students can work as interns and receive credit for their service and other students can simply volunteer their time to build experience on their resumes.

The Court of Chancery will screen and train all interns and volunteers, providing them with a handbook that covers what is expected of an intern/volunteer. Harmer will meet with each student individually and make sure they are a good fit for the program. Each student will be subject to a background check by the DOJ and will have to sign an affidavit of confidentiality regarding the cases on which they work. Students who make home visits will be matched with another student and they will travel together to ensure the safety of the volunteers. Students who visit nursing or care facilities may go alone. Each student will be given a report that they will complete after they visit with each ward. Those reports will be reviewed in order to determine if further action needs to be taken by the Court regarding a case. The Court is creating this volunteer program to better serve the wards in our communities by providing the best possible oversight of each guardianship case. The program will begin in New Castle County but will eventually spread to both Kent and Sussex as well. The students can schedule their visits whenever it suits them for this program is very flexible. It will be a good match for students who are full time workers, because visits can be made in the evenings or on weekends. If they wish, students can also tour the Court in New Castle County. Arrangements can be made for them to meet with a Judge and observe how the cases are heard. Students will receive a certificate of appreciation for their ser-

vice. This program is very important to the Court of Chancery and Ms. Harmer is excited to work in conjunction with Wilmington University on it.

## Criminal Justice and iTac Join Forces

On March 4, 2009, the Division of Behavioral Science and the Division of Information Technology and Advanced Communication (iTAC) in conjunction with the United States Secret Service, the International Association of Federal Crime Investigators and the Delaware Association of Bank Security held a Financial Crimes Workshop in the Auditorium of the Audrey K. Doberstein Admissions Center at the University's New Castle campus.

The full day event was an informational workshop attended by over 150 law enforcement personnel, bank investigators, and Wilmington University students. Attendees gained knowledge into the world of financial crime through a group of experts from the federal, state and local levels gathered by the Philadelphia Area Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF). The ECTF is a group dedicated to building partnerships between members of law enforcement, private industries and academic institutions.

Speakers included representatives of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Fannie Mae, the Delaware Attorney General's Office, the South-eastern Pennsylvania Identity Crimes Task Force, the New Castle County Police Department and Dragnet Solutions, a company that provides compliance and anti-fraud solutions based on leading-edge biometrics.



# Alpha Delta Chi Chapter Recent Events

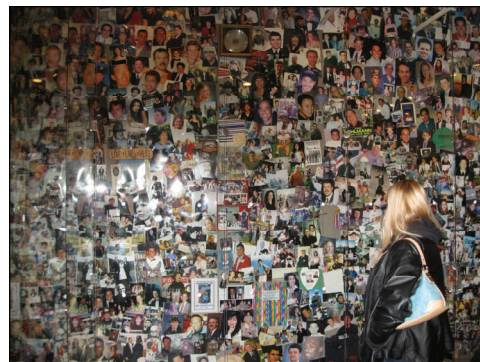
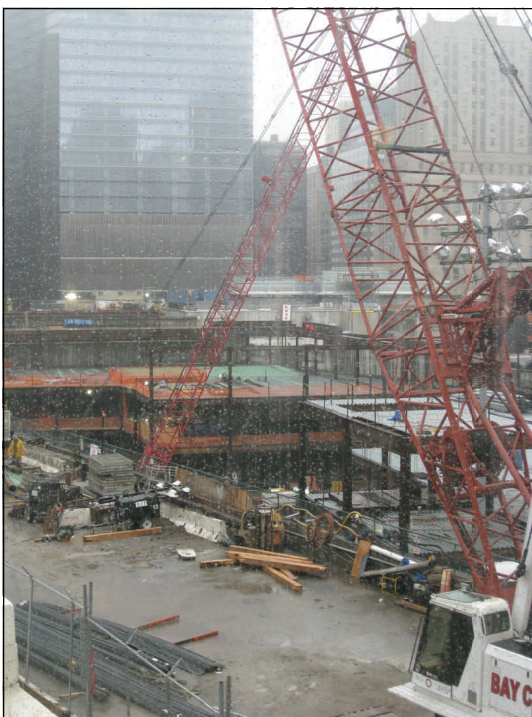
December 12, 2008—Washington, DC  
Crime and Punishment Museum, National Law Enforcement Memorial, Union Station



February 13, 2009—Hershey, PA  
PA State Police Academy, PSP Bureau of Emergency Operations, PSP—HEMC Museum,  
Chocolate World



April 3, 2009 New York City, Ground Zero, John Jay College



# AHS Student Crowned Mrs. Delaware

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Cacia Batts, a student in the Administration of Human Services masters' degree program and a legal assistant at Potter, Anderson & Corroon, LLP, was crowned Mrs. Delaware on January 25<sup>th</sup>. After graduating from William Penn High School, she earned a Bachelor of Science in communications at Wilmington University. She has lived in Middletown for four years and has been married to Ali Batts for three and a half. She has two stepdaughters, Avian, 10, and Alia, 8.

The first time Batts competed in a pageant was when she tried for Mrs. Delaware in 2005 because she thought it would be fun and wanted to network. She came in second runner-up. She didn't try again until this year, as she was kept busy with work and her status as a full-time student. Batts said she was attracted to the Mrs. Delaware effort for its commitment to volunteerism and charity work. This year's Mrs. America plat-

form is also related to the National Association for Music Education, a subject close to her heart as Batts wants to start a nonprofit to help underprivileged children experience the performing arts.

Cacia said she has long been an advocate for AIDS Delaware, the American Heart Association and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She also wants to speak to the patients at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children and work with the Homeless Planning Council of Delaware. "I just really want to try to make as many appearances as I can," Batts said. Batts said she believes the ideal Mrs. Delaware is a woman who is an innovative thinker and who can wear "several hats." "A well-rounded woman who can not only hold down her household as a wonderful wife and a good mother, but a career woman who can also be a leader and who is constantly thinking of the future and the community's future," she said.



Mrs. Delaware, Cacia Batts (left) and Miss Delaware, Kate Banaszak (right)

[this article was excerpted, with permission of the editor, from the February 4, 2009 on-line version of a story by Rebecca Henely of the *Middletown Transcript*, the hometown newspaper of Cacia Batta.]

## Funda Cinar Returns to Turkey

Funda Cinar, an adjunct instructor and former Behavioral Science division student, has recently returned to Turkey after spending 9 years in the U.S. Funda settled in New Jersey when she came to the U.S. and later, she enrolled at DelTech and moved to the Bear area. After completing her associates' degree at DelTech she continued her studies and received her B.S. in Criminal Justice with academic honors from Wilmington College. She was a member of the American Criminal Justice Association at both DelTech and Wilmington University and was elected Vice President of the chapter here at Wilmington. Funda was also inducted into the Eta Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice

Honor Society.

Upon entering graduate school in the Administration of Justice Program she continued her participation in both the honor society and CJ association. She achieved high academic honors again and, upon graduation with her master's degree, was awarded the Trustee's Award for Service in May 2008. While a graduate student, Funda worked as a graduate assistant in the Behavioral Science Division.

Following her graduation she began work at WU as an adjunct faculty instructor teaching both criminology and research methods courses in the undergraduate program.

Funda currently is residing in Ankara, Turkey, where she hopes to work for a

year or two before returning to the United States to resume her studies at a doctoral program at either the University of Delaware or Widener University.

We all miss Funda and we look forward to her eventual return.



Funda Cinar and Debbie Pro, Senior Administrative Assistant